

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
Dickerson et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
MAINTAINING SECURE SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE AREAS

Examiner: L. Chai

Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated September 14, 2005 for the interview conducted September 14, 2005, Applicants submit the following Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Participants: (1) Examiners Longbit Chai and Syed Zia, (2) Applicants' Representatives Edward Yee and Christopher Swickhamer.

Date of Interview: September 14, 2005

Type: Personal Interview at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

- 1) Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted: None.
- 2) Claims Discussed: Claim 24.
- 3) Specific References Discussed: U.S. Patent No. 6,088,262 to Nasu.
- 4) Identification of Specific Proposed Amendments: None.
- 5) Substance of Interview: Applicants' Representatives explained the differences between claim 24 and the Nasu patent, particularly the claim feature of obstructing access by an in-circuit emulator to

a secure area when the in-circuit emulator requests access to the secure area. The Examiners disagreed and argued that Nasu taught this feature. No agreement was reached.

6) Other Pertinent Matters: None.

7) Results: No agreement was reached on the allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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